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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of children and women below poverty line that are being covered under the ICDS duringthe year 2001-2002;

(b) the number of additional children propose to be given nutritional food during the year 2002-2003;

(c) the additional funds likely to be spent to feed these children; and

(d) the time by which all the children of below poverty families likely to be given nutritional food?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) About 315 lakh children below 6 years and 60 lakh women which comes to about 84% and 86% respectively o f the targeted beneficiaries were covered under ICDS Scheme, as on 31.3.2002.

(b),(c)&(d) As per schematic pattern of the ICDS Scheme, it isthe responsibility of the State Governmentto provide supplementary nutrition out of States' resources. The State Governments have been requested to ensure that alleligible beneficiaries are provided supplementary nutrition in accordance with the nutritional norms of the scheme and make necessary budgetary provision for the same.